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A
CATECHISME
OF
CHRISTIAN
RELIGION.



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Question.

1. *What is thy only cōfort in life & death?*

Answer.



Hat both in soule & bo-
dy^a, whether I live or die,
^b I am not mine own, but
belong ^c wholly vnto my
most faithful Lord & Sa-
vior Iesus Christ: who by
his precious blood most

First Sun-
day.

^a 1 Cor. 6. 19.

^b Rom. 14. 8.

^c 1 Cor. 3. 28.

fully satisfying ^d for my sinnes, hath delive-
red ^e me from all the power of the Devil, and
so preserveth ^f me, that without the will of
my heavenly Father, not so much as a haire
may fall ^g from my head: yea all things must
^h serve for my safetie. Wherefore by his Spi-
rit also he assureth ⁱ me of everlasting life, &
maketh ^k me ready, & prepared, that hence-
forth I may live to him.

^d 1 Pet. 1. 18.

^e 1 John 3. 8.

^f John 6. 39.

^g Mar 10. 30.

^h Luc 21. 19.

ⁱ Rom 8. 28.

^j 1 Cor. 1. 22.

^k Rom. 8. 24.

2. *Quest. How many things are necessarie
for thee to know, that thou enioying this com-
fort, maist live and die happily?*

Ans. Three^l: The first, what is the ^m great-
nes of my sinne & miserie. The second; how
I am delivered ⁿ from all sinne and mise-
rie. The third, what thanks I owe ^o vnto
God for this deliverie.

^l Luke 24.

^m Tit. 3. 3 & c.

ⁿ John 9. 42

^o Rom. 3. 10.

^p John 17. 3

^q Ephe. 5. 10

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3. Question.

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day.

Whence knowest thou thy miserie?

Answer.

^aRom. 3. 20.

Out of the law of God ^a.

*2^d day after Christ
resurrection -*

*4. Quest. What doth the law of God require
of us? ^a 1. day of 2 wake or 2^d Lord's day*

Ans. That doeth Christ summarilie teach

Mat. 22. 37-40. 1st Cor. 13. 1-3. Gal. 3. 12. 1st Tim. 1. 5. 1st Pet. 2. 11. 1st John 2. 3-5. 1st John 3. 10. 1st John 4. 7-10. 1st John 5. 17-18. 1st John 5. 21. 1st John 5. 22. 1st John 5. 23. 1st John 5. 24. 1st John 5. 25. 1st John 5. 26. 1st John 5. 27. 1st John 5. 28. 1st John 5. 29. 1st John 5. 30. 1st John 5. 31. 1st John 5. 32. 1st John 5. 33. 1st John 5. 34. 1st John 5. 35. 1st John 5. 36. 1st John 5. 37. 1st John 5. 38. 1st John 5. 39. 1st John 5. 40. 1st John 5. 41. 1st John 5. 42. 1st John 5. 43. 1st John 5. 44. 1st John 5. 45. 1st John 5. 46. 1st John 5. 47. 1st John 5. 48. 1st John 5. 49. 1st John 5. 50. 1st John 5. 51. 1st John 5. 52. 1st John 5. 53. 1st John 5. 54. 1st John 5. 55. 1st John 5. 56. 1st John 5. 57. 1st John 5. 58. 1st John 5. 59. 1st John 5. 60. 1st John 5. 61. 1st John 5. 62. 1st John 5. 63. 1st John 5. 64. 1st John 5. 65. 1st John 5. 66. 1st John 5. 67. 1st John 5. 68. 1st John 5. 69. 1st John 5. 70. 1st John 5. 71. 1st John 5. 72. 1st John 5. 73. 1st John 5. 74. 1st John 5. 75. 1st John 5. 76. 1st John 5. 77. 1st John 5. 78. 1st John 5. 79. 1st John 5. 80. 1st John 5. 81. 1st John 5. 82. 1st John 5. 83. 1st John 5. 84. 1st John 5. 85. 1st John 5. 86. 1st John 5. 87. 1st John 5. 88. 1st John 5. 89. 1st John 5. 90. 1st John 5. 91. 1st John 5. 92. 1st John 5. 93. 1st John 5. 94. 1st John 5. 95. 1st John 5. 96. 1st John 5. 97. 1st John 5. 98. 1st John 5. 99. 1st John 5. 100.

^bLuke 10. 17

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with al thy heart, with all thy soule, with all thy minde, and with all thy strength (b). This is the first and the great commandment, and the second is like to this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self. On these two commandments hangeth the whole Law and the Prophetes.

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day.

5. Quest. *Art thou able to keepe all these things perfectly?*

^cRom. 5. 1.

^dJohn 1. 8.

^eRom. 8. 7.

^fEph. 2. 3.

Ans. No truely^e: For by nature I am prone to the hatred of God & of my neighbour^d.

6. Quest. *Did God then make man so wicked and perverse?*

^gGen. 1. 31.

^hGen. 1. 26.

Ans. Not so^e: but rather he made him good and to his own image^f, that is, endued with true righteousness & holines, that he might rightly know God his Creator, and hartily love him, & live with him blessed for ever, and that to laude and magnifie him ^g.

^h2. Cor. 3. 18

ⁱ4. 5.

^jCol. 3. 10.

^kEph. 1. 6.

7. Quest. *Whence then ariseth this wickednes of mans nature?*

Ans. From the fall and disobedience of our first

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first parents, Adam and Eve^h: hence is our nature so corrupt, that we are all conceived and borne in sinneⁱ.

^h Gen. 5. 6.
Rom. 6. 21.

ⁱ Psal. 51. 4.
Gen. 5. 3. *Arb. 5.*

8. Quest. *Are we so corrupt, that we are not at all apt to do well, and are prone to all vice?*

Ans. In deed we are: except we be regenerated by the holy Ghost^k.

^k John 3. 5.
Rom. 15.
Job. 10. 4. & c.

9. Quest. *Doth not God then iniurie to man, who in the Law requireth that of him, which he is not able to performe?*

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Ans. No^l. For God had made man such a one, as he might performe it: But man, by the impulsion of the Devill^m, and his owne stubburnesse, bereaved him selfe and all his posteritie of those Divine graces.

^l John 3. 5.
Eph. 4. 24.
Colo. 3. 10.

^m Luke 10. 30

10. Quest. *Doth God leave this stubburnesse and falling away of man unpunished?*

Ans. No: but is angrie in most dreadfull mannerⁿ, as well for the sinnes wherein we are borne, as also for those which our selves commit, and in most iust iudgement punisheth them with present & everlasting punishments, as him selfe pronounceth: *Cursed be he that performeth not all the wordes of the Law to doe them^o.*

ⁿ Rom. 5. 12,
Heb. 9. 27.

11. Quest. *Is not God therefore mercifull?*

^o Deut. 27. 24
Gal. 3. 10.

Ans. Yea verely, he is mercifull^p, but so, that he is also iust^q. Wherefore his iustice requireth, that the same which is commit-

^p Exod. 34. 6.
^q Exod. 20. 5.
2. Cor. 6. 14.

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red against the Divine Maiestie of God:
should also be recompenced with extreme,
that is, everlasting punishments both of
body and soule.

THE SECOND PART,
OF MANS DELIVERY.

12. Question.

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*Seeing then by the iust iudgement of God,
We are subiect both to temporall, and eternall
punishments; is there yet any meanes or way
remayning, whereby wee may bee delivered
from these punishments, and bee reconciled
to God?*

Answer.

a Exod. 20. 5
b Rom. 8. 3

GOD will have his iustice ^a satisfied:
wherefore it is neecessarie, that ^b wee
satisfie, either by our selves, or by an
other.

13. Question.

Are we able to satisfie by our selves?

c Tob 9. 1, 3.
and Ps 15.
Mat. 6. 12.

*Ans. Nor a whit. Nay rather we doe eve-
ry day ^c increase our debt.*

14. Quest. *Is there any creature able in
heaven or in earth, which is only a creature,
to satisfie for vs?*

d Heb. 2. 14.

*Ans. None. For first, God will not ^d pu-
nish that sinne in any other creature, which
man hath committed. And further, neither
can*

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can that which is nothing, but a creature, sustaine the wrath of God against sinne, and deliver others from it.

e Psal. 130. 3.

15. Quest. *What maner of Mediator then and deliver must we seeke for?*

Ans. Such a one verily, as is very man, & perfectly iust, and yet in power aboue all creatures, that is, who also is verie God.

16. Quest. *Wherefore is it necessarie that he be verie man, and perfectly iust too?*

f 2 Cor. 5. 14.
Heb. 7. 16.
Esa. 7. 25.

Ans. Because the iustice of God requireth that the same humane nature whiche hath sinned, doe it selfe likewise make recōpence for sinne: But he that is him self a sinner, can not make recompence for others.

g Rom. 5. 12.
h 1. Pet. 3. 18.

17. Quest. *Why must he also be very God?*

Ans. That he might by the power of his Godhead i sustaine in his flesh the burden of Gods wrath, and k might recover and restore vnto vs that righteousness and life which we lost.

i 1. Pet. 3. 18.
Iia. 55. 3.
k 1 Iohn 2.
Act. 20. 18.

18. Quest. *And who is that Mediator, which is together both very God, and a very perfect iust man?*

Ans. Even our Lord Iesus Christ, l who is made to vs of God wisedome, righteousness, sanctification, and m redemption.

l Mat. 1. 23.
m Tim. 3. 16.
Luke 2. 11.
n Rom. 1. 30.
m Rom. 1. 30.
Heb. 1. 1.

19. Quest. *Whence knowest thou this?*

Ans. Out of the Gospell, which God first

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m Gen. 3. 15.
 n Gen. 22. 18.
 Rom. 7. 2.
 Heb. 1. 1.
 o Iohn 5. 46.
 Heb. 10. 7.
 p Rom. 10. 4.
 Heb. 13. 8.
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first made knowen in ^m Paradise, and after-
 wardes ⁿ did spreed it abroad by the Patri-
 arkes and Prophetes^o: shadowed it by sacri-
 fices & other ceremonies of the law: & last-
 ly ^p accomplisshed it by his only begotten Son.

20. Quest. *Is then salvation restored by
 Christ to all men, who perished in Adam?*

q Iohn 1. 12.
 Rom. 11. 20.
 Heb. 10. 39.

Ans. Not to all: but to those onely, who
 by a true faith are engrafted into him, ^q and
 receave his benefites.

21. Quest. *What is faith?*

r Heb. 11. 13.
 Isa. 2. 19.
 f Rom. 4. 16.
 Iac. 1. 8.
 t Rom. 1. 16.
 r Cor. 1. 21.
 A& 16. 14.
 v Mat. 16. 17.
 Iohn 3. 5.
 Phil. 1. 19.
 x Mat. 9. 2.
 Rom. 5. 1.
 y Rom. 5. 1.

Ans. It is not only a knowledge, where-
 by I surely assent to all thinges which God
 hath ^r revealed vnto vs in his word, but also,
 an assured ^f trust kindled in my ^t heart by
 the holy ^v ghoſt through the Gospell, wher-
 by I make my repose in God, being assured-
 lie resolved, that remission of sinnes, everla-
 sting righteousness and life ^x is given not to
 others onely, but to me also, and that freelic
 through the mercie of God, for the ^y merite
 of Christ alone.

22. Quest. *What are those things which are
 necessarie for a Christian man to beleeve?*

z Iohn 20. 31.
 Mat. 28. 10.

Ans. All thinges whiche are ^z promised
 vs in the Gospell: the summe whereof is
 briefly comprised in the Creed of the Apo-
 stles, or in the Articles of the Catholike and
 vndoubted faith of all Christians.

Which

23. Quest. Which is the Creede?

I beleue in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Iesus Christ his only Sonne our Lord: which was conceived by the holy Ghost: borne of the virgine Mary: suffered vnder Pontius Pilate: was crucified, dead and buried: he descended into hell: the third day he rose againe from the dead: he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almightie: from thence shall hee come to iudge the quicke and the dead. I beleue in the holy Ghost: the holy Catholike Church: the communion of Saints: the forgiveness of sinnes: the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

24. Quest. Into how many partes is this Creede divided?

Ans. Into three parts. The first is, of the eternall Father and our Creation. The second, of the Sonne and our Redemption. The third, of the holy Ghost and our Sanctification.

25. Quest. Seeing there is but one only substance of God, why namest thou these three, The Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost?

Ans. Because God hath so manifested him selfe in his word, that these three distinct persons are that one true, everlasting God.

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* Gen. 1. 26.
Esa. 48. 16.
Mat. 3. 16.

OF THE FATHER.

26. Quest. What beleevest thou, when thou saiest, I beleue in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

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I be-

100 Of the Father.

^a Gene. 1. & 2
Psal. 33. 6.

^b Psal. 134. 3.
Mat. 10. 29.
Heb. 1. 3

^c Iohn 1. 12
Rom. 8. 15
Gal. 4. 5
Eph. 1. 7.

^d Psal. 55. 23
Mat. 6. 26.

^e Rom. 8. 28

^f Rom. 10. 12.

^g Mat. 6. & c.
10. Sund.

^h Acts 17. 25
ⁱ Heb. 1. 3.

^k Iere 5. 24
Ae. 14. 17.
Iohn 9. 3.
^m Prov. 12. 7-8.
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Ans. I beleeve the everlasting Father of our Lord Iesus Christ, who ^a hath made of nothing heaven and earth, with all that are in them, who likewise vpholderh and ^b governeth the same by his eternall Counsel & providence; ^c to be my God and my Father for Christes sake: and therefore I do so trust in him, and so relie on him, that I may not doubt, but he will provide all thinges ^d necessarie both for my soule and body. And further, whatsoever evils he sendeth on me in this troublesome life, he wil ^e turne them to my safetie, seeing both he is able to do it, as beeing ^f God almightie, and willing to do it, as being ^g a bountifull father.

27. Quest. *What is the providence of God?*

Ans. The almightie power of God everie where present, ^h whereby he doeth as it were with his hande vpholde and ⁱ governe heaven & earth, with all the creatures therein: So that those things which grow in the earth, as likewise raine and drought, fruitfulness and barraines, meate and ^k drinke, health and sickenes, ^m riches and poverty, in a word, all things come not rashly or by chance, but by his fatherlie counsell and will. *mat 10. 30 pro 15. 3.*

28. Quest. *What doeth this knowledge of the Creation & providence of God profit vs?*

That

Ans. That in aduersitie ⁿ we may be patient, and ^o thankfull in prosperitie, and ^p have hereafter our chiefest hope reposed in God our most faithfull father, being sure that there is nothing whiche may ^q withdraw vs from his love, for as much as all creatures are so in his power, that without his will they are not ^r able not only to doe anie thing, but not so much as once to moove.

n Rom 5. 2
Iac. 1. 3.
o Deut. 8. 10
r Thes 5.
p Rom 5. 4

q Iohn 1. 12

r Rom. 8. 38

OF THE SONNE.

29. Quest. *Why is the Sonne of God called Iesus, that is, a Saviour?* 11. Sund.

Ans. Because he saveth vs from all our ^a sinnes: Neither ought any safetie to bee sought for from any other, nor ^b can else-where be found.

a Mat. 1. 21
Luke 1. 31.
b Acts 4. 12

30. Quest. *Doe they then beleeeve in the only saviour Iesus, who seeke for happines and safetie of the Saintes; or of them selves, or elf-where?*

Ans. No. For although in word they boast them selves of him as their Saviour, yet in deed they denie the onely Saviour ^c Iesus. For it must needes be that either Iesus is not a perfect Saviour, or that they who embrace him as their Saviour with a true faith, possesse all things in him, which ^d are required vnto salvation.

c 1 Cor. 1. 13
Gal. 5. 4

d Heb. 12. 2
Isa. 9. 6. 7.

Why



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31. Quest. *Why is he called Christ, that is annointed?*

Ans. Because he was ordained of the Father, and annointed of the holy Ghost, the chief Prophet and Doctour: who hath opened vnto vs the secrete counsaile and all the wil of his father concerning our Redemption: And the High-Priest, who with that one onely sacrifice of his body, hath redeemed vs, and doth continuallie make intercession to his father for vs. And a king, who ruleth vs by his woord and spirit, and defendeth and maintaineth that salvation which he hath purchased for vs.

e Psal. 45. 8.
Heb. 1. 9.
f Iohn 1. 18.
and 15. 15.
g Mat. 11. 27.
Psal. 110. 4.
Heb. 7. 21. 1.

h Rom. 8. 34.

i Psal. 2. 6.

Iuke 1. 33.

k Mat. 28. 18.

Iohn 10. 28.

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day.

32. Quest. *But why art thou called a Christian?*

Ans. Because through faith I am a member of Iesus Christ, and partaker of his annointing, that both I may confesse his name, and present my selfe vnto him a liue sacrifice of thankfulnessse, and also may in this life fight against sinne and Satan with a free and good conscience, and afterward Perioye an everlasting kingdome with Christ over all creatures.

l Acts 11. 26.

m Cor. 6. 15.

n Ioh. 2. 27.

Joel 2. 28.

o Mat. 10. 33.

p Rom. 12. 1.

Apoc. 4. 8.

q 1. Tim. 1.

28. 19.

33. Quest. *For what cause is Christ called the only begotten sonne of God, when we also are the sonnes of God?*

Answers. Because Christ alone is the cocter-

coeternall and naturall sonne of the eternall
^a father, and we ^b are but sonnes adopted of
 the father by grace for his sake.

^a Iohn 1. 14.
 Heb. 1. 2.
^b Rom. 8. 5.
 Ephe. 1. 6.

34. Quest. Wherefore callest thou him our
 Lord?

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 day.

Ans. Because he redeeming & ransoming
 both our body and soule from sinnes, not
 with gold nor silver, but with his precious
 blood, and delivering vs from all the power
 of the Devill, hath set vs ^c free to serve him.

^c 1 Pet. 1. 18.
 1 Cor. 6. 20.

35. Quest. What beleevest thou, when thou
 saist, he was conceived by the holy Ghost, &
 borne of the Virgine Marie?

Ans. That the sonne of God, who ^d is &
 continueth true & everlasting ^e God, tooke
 the verie nature of man, of the flethe ^g and
 blood of the Virgin Marie, by the working
 of the holy Ghost, ^h that withall hee might
 bee the true seede of David, ⁱ like vnto his
 brethren in all things, ^k sinne excepted.

^d Iohn 1. 1.
 Col. 1. 15.
^e Rom. 9. 5.
^f Iohn 5. 20.
^f Iohn 1. 14.
 Gala. 4. 4.
^g Mat. 1. 18.
 Luke 1. 35.
^h Psal. 132. 12.
 Act. 2. 30. & c
 Rom. 1. 3.
ⁱ Phil. 2. 7.
^k Heb. 4. 15.

36. Quest. What profit takest thou, by
 Christes holy conception and nativitie?

Ans. That he is our ^l Mediator, and doth
 cover with his innocencie and perfect ho-
 liness my sinnes, in which I was concea-
 ved, that they may not come in the sight of
^m God.

1 Ha. 2. 16. 17.
^m Psal. 32. 5.
 1 Cor. 1. 30
 Rom. 8. 34.

37. Quest. What beleevest thou, when thou
 saist, he suffered?

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^a 1 Pet. 2. 24
^b Isa. 53. 12.

* Iohn 2. 2.
Rom. 3. 25.

Ans. That he, all the time of his life, which he led in the earth, but especially at the ende thereof, "sustained the wrath of God, both in body & soule, against the sin of all mankind, that he might by his passiō, as the only * propitiatorie Sacrifice, deliver our body and soule from everlasting damnation, and purchase vnto vs the favour of God, righteousness, and everlasting life.

38. Quest. *For what cause should he suffer vnder Pilate, as being his iudge?*

^a Luc. 23. 14
Iohn 19. 4.
^b Psal. 69. 4
Gal. 3. 13

Ans. That he being innocent and ^a condemned before a civill iudge, might ^b deliver vs from the severe iudgement of God, which remained for all men.

39. Quest. *But is there any thing more in it, that he was fastned to the crosse, than if hee had suffered any other kinde of death?*

^a Deut. 21.
Gal. 3. 13.

Ans. There is more: For by this I am assured that he tooke vpon him selfe the curse which did ly on me. For the death of the crosse was ^c accursed of God.

16. Sund.

40. Quest. *Why was it necessarie for Christ to humble him selfe vnto death?*

^a Gene. 2. 71.

Ans. Because the iustice and trueth of God could by no ^d other meanes be satisfied for our sinnes, but by the very death of the ^e sonne of God.

^e Heb. 2. 9.
Phil. 2. 18.

41. Quest. *To what end was he buried also?*

That

Ans. That thereby he might make manifest, that he was ^f dead in deed.

f A&. 13. 29.
Iohn 19. 38.

42. Quest. *But since that Christ died for vs, why must we also dye?*

Ans. Our death is not a satisfaction for our sinnes, but the abolishing of sinne, and our passage into ³ everlasting life.

g Iohn 5. 24.
Phil. 1. 23

43 Quest. *What other commoditie receyve we by the sacrifice and death of Christ?*

Ans. That by the vertue of his death, our old man is crucified, slaine, and ^h buried together with them, that hencefoorth evill lustes and desires may not ⁱ raigne in vs, but wee may ^k offer our selves vnto him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

h Rom. 6. 7

i Rom. 6. 12.

k Rom. 12. 2.

44. Quest. *Why is there added, Hee descended into hell?*

Ans. That in my greatest paines, & most grievous tentations, I may support my selfe with this cōfort, that my Lord Iesus Christ hath deliuered ^{*} mee, by the vnspeakeable distresses, torments and terrors of his soule, into which he was plunged both before, and then especiallie, when hee hanged on the crosse, from the straites and torments of hel,

* Esa. 53. 10
Mat. 27. 46.

45. Quest. *What doeth the resurrection of Christ profite vs?* 17. Sund.

Ans. First, by his Resurrection he vanquished death, that he might [“] make vs partakers

“ 1. Cor. 15.
16. & 54. 55.

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a Rom. 6. 4.
Col. 3. 1. &c.
b 1 Cor. 15.
Rom. 8. 11.

takers of that righteousness, which he had gotten vs by his death. Again we are now also stirred vp by his power to a new life. Lastly, the resurrection of our head Christ, is a ^bpledge vnto vs of our glorious resurrection.

46. Quest. *How vnderstand you that, He ascended into heaven?*

c Act. 1. 9.
Mar. 16. 19.
d Heb. 4. 14.
Rom. 8. 34.
Eph. 4. 10.

Ans. That Christ, his Disciples looking on, was ^ctaken vp from the earth into heaven, and yet still ^dis there for our sakes, and will be, vntill he come againe to iudge the quicke and dead.

Mat. 28. 20

47. Quest. *Is not Christ with vs then vntill the end of the world as he hath promised?*

Ans. Christ is true God, and true man: and so according to his manhood, he is not now on earth: but according to his godhead, his maiestie, his grace, and spirit, hee is at no time from vs.

48. Quest. *Are not by this meanes the two natures in Christ pulled asunder, if his humanitie be not wheresoeuer his diuinitie is?*

e Act. 1. 11.
Ma. 24. 30.
f Mat. 28. 20
John 16. 18.
& 17. 11.

Ans. No: for seeing his diuinitie is incomprehensible, and every where ^epresent: it followeth necessarily that ^fthe same is without the bounds of his humane nature which he took to him, and yet is nevertheless in it and abideth personally vnited to it.

What

49. Quest. *What fruit doth the ascension of Christ into heaven bring vs?* 18. Sunday.

Ans. First, that he * maketh intercession to his Father in heaven for vs. Next, that we haue our flesh in heaven, that we may be confirmed thereby, as by a sure pledge, that it shall come to passe, that hee who is our head, will ^a lift vp vs his members vnto him. Thirdly, that hee ^b sendeth vs his spirit in steed of a pledge betweene him and vs, by whose forcible working we seeke after, not earthly, but heavenly things, where he himselfe is sitting at the right hand of God ^c.

* Heb 7. 14.
1 Iohn 2. 3.
Rom. 8. 34.

^a Iohn 14. 2.
Ephe. 2. 6.

^b Iohn 14. 16.
2 Cor. 1. 22.
1 Cor. 5. 5.

^c Col 3. 1.
Phil. 3. 20.

50. Quest. *Why is it further said, Hee sitteth at the right hand of God?*

Ans. Because Christ therefore is ascended into heaven, to ^d shewe there that he is the head of the Church, by whom the Father ^e governeth all things.

^d Ephe. 1. 20.
Col. 1. 18.
^e Mat. 28. 18.
Iohn 5. 22.

51. Quest. *What profit is this glory of our head Christ vnto vs?* 19. Sunday.

Ans. First, that through his holy spirit, he ^f poureth vpon vs his members, heavenly graces. Then, that he shieldeth and ^g defendeth vs by his power against all our enemies.

^f Ephe. 4. 10.

^g Psal. 2. 9.
Rom. 8. 23.
Phil. 3. 20.

52. Quest. *What comfort hast thou by the coming againe of Christ to indge the quick and the dead?* 19. Sunday.

B That

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^h Luk 21. 28.
Rom. 8. 23. 24
Phil. 3. 20.

ⁱ 2 Theſ. 1. 6. 7
Mat. 25. 41.

^k Mat. 25. 34.

Ans. That in all my miseries and persecutions, ^h I looke, with my head lifted vp, for the very same, who before yeelded himſelfe vnto the iudgement of God for me, & ⁱ tooke away all malediction from me, to come iudge from heaven, to throw all his and my enemies into everlasting paines, but to ^k translate me with all his chosen, vnto him ſelfe, into ceſtiall ioyes, and everlasting glorie.

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20. Sunday.

^a Gen. 1. 2.
Iſa. 48. 16.
ⁱ Cor. 3. 16.
^b Mat. 28. 19
² Cor. 1. 2.
^c Gal. 3. 14.
ⁱ Pet. 1. 2.
^d Acts 9. 31.
^e Iohn 16.
ⁱ Pet. 4. 14.

21. Sunday.

^f Iho. 10. 11.
^g Gen. 26. 4.
^h Rom. 8. 29.
Ephe. 1. 10.
ⁱ Iſa. 59. 21.
^k Acts. 2. 46.
^l Mat. 16. 18.
mr Iohn 3. 21
ⁿ I Ioh. 2. 19.
^o I Cor. 8. 9.
Rom. 8. 35.

53. Quest. *What beleeveſt thou concerning the holy ghost?*

Ans. First, that he is true and coeternall God with the eternall father & the ^a ſonne: Secondly, that he is alſo ^b given vnto me to ^c make me through a true faith, partaker of Chriſt and all his benefites, to ^d comfort me, and to ^e abide with me for ever.

54. Quest. *What beleeveſt thou concerning the holy & catholike Church of Chriſt?*

Ans. I beleeve that the ſonne of ^f God doeth from ^g the beginning of the worlde ^h to the end, gather, defend and ⁱ preſerve vnto him ſelfe by his ſpirit, and ^k word out of whole ⁱ mankind, a company ^m chosen to everlasting life, & agreeing in true faith: and that I am a lively ⁿ member of that company, and ſo ſhall ^o remaine for ever.

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55. Quest. *What meane these words, The communion of Saints?*

Ans. First, that all and everie one, who beleeveth, are in common ^a partakers of Christ, and all his graces, as being his members, And then, that every one ought readilie and ^b cheerfully to bestow the giftes and graces which they have received, to the common commoditie and safetie of all.

^a Iohn 1. 3.
Rom. 8. 32.
1 Cor. 12. 13.
^b 1 Cor. 13. 5.
Phil. 2. 4. 5. 6.

56. Quest. *What beleevest thou concerning remission of sinnes?*

Ans. That God, for the satisfaction made by ^c Christ, hath put out all the remembrance ^d of my sinnes, and also of that corruption within me, wherewith I must fight all my life time: and doeth freely endow me with the righteousness of Christ, that ^e I come not at any time into iudgement.

^c 1 Iohn 2. 2.
^d 2 Cor. 5. 19.
^d Iere. 31. 34.
Psal. 103. 3.
Rom. 8. 1. 2. 3.
^e Iohn. 3. 18.

57. Quest. *What comfort hast thou, by the resurrection of the flesh?* 22. Sunday.

Ans. That not only my soule, after it shall depart out of my body, shall presently bee taken ^f vp to Christ, but that this my flesh also, beeing raised vp by the power of Christ, shall be againe vnited to my soule, and shall be ^g made like to the glorious bodie of Christ.

^f Luke 23. 4.
Phil. 1. 23.
^g 1. Cor. 15.
Iob 19. 25.

58. Quest. *What comfort takest thou of the article of everlasting life?*

B 2

That

a 2 Cor 5.2.3
b 1 Cor.2.9.
Iohn 17.37.

Ans. That for as much as ^a I feele already in my hart the beginning of everlasting life, it ^b shall at length come to passe, that after this life I shall enioye full and perfect blisse, wherein I may magnifie God forever; which blessednes verily, neither eie hath seene, nor eare hath heard, neither hath any man in thought conceived it.

23. Sun.
day.

59. Quest. *But when thou beleevest all these things, what profit redoundeth thence unto thee?*

e Heb. 2.4.
Rom. 1.17.
Iohn 3.36.

Ans. That I am righteous in Christ before God, and an heire of eternall life ^c.

60. Que. *How art thou righteous before God?*

d Rom. 3. 21.
&c Gal 2. 16
Ephc. 2. 8, 9.

Ans. Only ^d by faith in Christ Iesus: so

e Rom. 3. 9.
&c.

f Rom. 7. 23

g Rom. 3. 42.
Iohn 3. 18.

h Tit. 3. 5
Ephc. 2. 8. 9.
i Iohn 2. 2.

k Rom. 3. 24.
Deut. 9. 6.

l Iohn 2. 1.

m Rom. 4. 4.

n Cor. 5. 19.

o 1 Cor. 5. 21.

that, although my conscience accuse mee, that I have grievously trespassed against all the commandements of God, & have not ^e kept one of them: and further, am as yet ^f prone to all evill: yet notwithstanding (if I ^g embrace these benefites of Christ with a true confidence and perswasion of minde, the full and ^h perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holines of Christ, without any ⁱ merit of mine, of the meere ^k mercie of God, is ^l imputed and ^m given vnto me, and that so as if neither I had committed any sinne, neither any corruption did sticke vnto me: yea as I my selfe had perfectly ⁿ accomplished

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shed that obedience, which Christ accomplished for me.

61. Quest. *Why affirmest thou, that thou art made righteous by faith only?*

Ans. Not for that I please God through the worthines of meere faith: but because only the satisfaction, righteousness and holines of Christ is my righteousness before *God: and I cannot take hold of it^c or apply it vnto my self any other way than by faith.

* 1 Cor. 1. 30.
1 Cor. 2. 2.
" 1 Ioh. 5. 10.

62. Quest. *Why cannot our good workes bee righteousness, or some part of righteousness before God?*

24. Sunday.

Ans. Because that righteousness whiche must stande faste before the iudgement of God, must be in al points perfect, & ^a agreeable to the Law of God. Now our workes, even the best of them, are imperfect in this life, and ^b defiled with sinne.

^a Gal. 3. 10.
Deut. 27. 26.
^b Esa. 64.

63. Quest. *How is it that our good workes merit nothing, seeing God promiseth that hee will give a rewarde for them, both in this life, and in the life to come?*

Ans. That reward is not given of merit, but of ^c grace.

^c Luke 17. 10.

64. Quest. *But doeth not this doctrine make men careles and profane?*

Ans. No: For neither can it be, but they, which are incorporated into Christ tho-

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rough faith, should bring forth the fruites
of * thankfulness.

* Mat. 7. 18.
Iohn 15. 5.

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25. Sun-
day.

65. Quest. *Seeing then that only faith maketh vs partakers of Christ and his benefits, Whence doeth it proceede?*

a Ephe. 28.
and 6. 23.
Phil. 1. 29.
b Mat. 28. 19.
z Pet. 1. 22.

Ans. From the holy ghost, who ^a kindleth it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and ^b confirmeth it by the vse of the Sacraments.

66. Quest. *What are the Sacraments?*

c Gen. 17. 11.
Rom. 4. 11.
Deut. 30. 6.
Levi. 6. 25.
Isa. 6. 6.

Ans. They are sacred signes and seales set before our eyes, & ordeined of God for this cause, that he may declare & scale by them the promise of his Gospell vnto vs, to wit, that he giveth freely remission of sinnes, & ^c life everlasting not only to all in generall, but to every one in particular that beleeveth, for that only sacrifice of Christ which he accomplished vpon the crosse.

67. Quest. *Doe not then both the word and sacraments tende to that ende, as to lead our faith vnto the sacrifice of Christ finished on the crosse, as to the only ground of our saluatiō?*

d Rom. 6. 3.
Gal. 3. 27.

Ans. It is even so. For the holy ghost teacheth vs by the gospel, & assureth vs by the Sacraments, that the salvation of all of vs, standeth in the holy sacrifice of Christ ^d offered for vs vpon the crosse.

How

68. Quest. *How many Sacramentes hath Christ ordeined in the new Testament?*

Ans. Two. Baptisme, & the Lords Supper.

OF BAPTISME.

69. Quest. *How art thou admonished and assured in Baptisme, that thou art partaker of the only sacrifice of Christ?* 26. Sunday.

Ans. Because Christ ^a commanded the outward washing of water, adioyning this ^b promise therevnto, that I am no lesse assuredly washed by his blood and spirit from the vncleanenesse of my soule, that is, from all my sinnes, than I am ^c washed outwardly with water, whereby all the filthinesse of the bodie vseth to be purged.

^a Mat. 28. 19.
^b Acts 2. 38.
^b Mar. 16. 16.
Mat. 3. 11.
Rom. 6. 3.

^c Mar. 1. 14.
Luc. 3. 3.

70. Quest. *What is it to bee washed with the blood and spirit of Christ?*

Ans. It is to receive of God forgivenes of sins freely for the blood of Christ, which he ^d shed for vs in his Sacrifice on the crosse. And also to be renued by the holy Ghost, & through his sanctifying of vs, to become members of Christ, that we may more and more die to sinne, and ^e live holy and without blame.

^d Heb. 12. 24.
^e 1 Pet. 1. 2.
Apoc. 1. 5.

^e John 1. 33.
Rom. 6. 4.
Col. 2. 12.

71. Quest. *Where doeth Christ promise vs that hee will as certainly wash vs with his blood and spirit, as we are washed with the water of baptisme?*

In

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Ans. In the institution of Baptisme; the
 f Mat. 28. 19. words whereof are these: *f Goe and teach all*
 Nations, Baptising them in the name of the
 g Mat. 16. 16. father, the sonne, and the holy Ghost, & Hee
 that shall beleve & be baptised, shalbe saved:
 but he that will not beleve, shalbe damned.

This promise is repeated again, whereas the
 scripture calleth Baptisme, the ^h washing of
 the new bith, and ⁱ forgivenesse of sinnes.

^h Tit. 3. 5.

ⁱ Act. 22. 16.

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 day.

^k Mat. 3. 11.

^l Pet. 3. 11.

^m Iohn 1. 7.

ⁿ Cor. 6. 11.

72. Quest. *Is then the outward Baptisme
 of water the washing away of sinnes?*

Ans. It is not. For the ^k blood of Christ
 alone cleanseth from all ^l sinne.

73. Quest. *Why then doeth the holy ghost
 call Baptisme the washing of the new birth,
 and forgivenes of sinnes?*

Ans. God speaketh so not without great
 cause; to wit, not onely to teach vs, that as
 the filth of our body is purged by water, so
 our sinnes also are ^m purged by the bloode
 and spirit of Christ: but much more to as-
 sure as by this divine token and pledge, that
 we are as verily washed from our sins with
 the inward washing, as we are ⁿ washed by
 the outward and visible water.

^m Apoc. 1. 5.

ⁿ Cor. 6. 11.

ⁿ Mat. 16. 16.

Gal. 3. 17.

Quest. *Are infants to be baptised also?*

^o Gen. 17. 7.

Ans. What else: For seeing they ^o belong
 as wel vnto the covenant & church of God,
 as they who are of a full age, & seeing also
 vnto

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vnto them is promised " remission of sins by the blood of Christ, and the * holy ghost the worker of faith, as well as vnto those of full growth. They are by baptisme to be ingrafted into the Church of God, and to be † discerned from the children of infidels, in like sorte as in the olde Testament was done by " circumcision, in place whereof * Baptisme succeeded in the new Testament.

" Mat. 19. 14

• Luke 1. 14

Plai. 22. 11.

Act. 2. 39.

Act. 10. 47.

" Gen. 17. 14

* Colof. 2. 11.

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75. Quest. *How art thou in the Lords Supper admonished and waranted, that thou art partaker of that onely sacrifice of Christ offered on the Crosse, and of all his benefites?* 28. Sunday.

Ans. Because Christ hath commaunded me and all the faithfull, to eat of this bread broken, and to drink of the cup distributed in remembrance of him, with this promise † adioyned: First, that his body was as certainlie broken and offered for me on the Crosse, & his blood shed for me, as I behold with my eies the bread of the Lord broken vnto me, and the cup communicated to me: and further, that my soule is no lesse assuredly fed to everlasting life with his body, which was crucified for vs, and his blood, which was shed for vs; than I receive & taste by the mouth of my body the bread and wine, the signes of the body and blood of our

† Mat. 26. 27.

Mar. 14. 22.

Luke 22. 16.

1 Cor. 10. 16.

our Lord, received at the hand of the Minister.

76. Quest. *What is it to eat the body of Christ crucified, and to drinke his blood that was shed?*

Ans. It is not only to imbrace by an assured confidence of mind, the whole passion and death of Christ, and thereby to^a obtaine forgiveness of sinnes and everlasting life, but also by the holy ghost, who dwelleth both in Christ and vs, so more and more to bee^b vnited to his sacred body, that though hee be in^c heaven, and we in earth, yet nevertheless are we flesh of his flesh, and bone of his^d bones; and as all the members of the body are by one soule, so are we also quickened and^e guided by one and the same spirit.

77. Quest. *Where hath Christ promised that hee will as certainly give his body and bloud so to be eaten and drunken, as they eat this bread broken, and drinke this cup?*

Ans. In the institution of his Supper, the wordes whereof are these: ^f Our Lord Iesus^{cor} Christ in the night that he was betraied, tooke¹¹³ bread: and when he had given thanks, he¹⁴ brake it, and said, Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you: this doe you in remembrance of me. Likewise also he tooke the¹⁵ cup when he had supped, & said, & This cup

^a John 6. 35.
^{40. 47. 48.}

^b John 6. 56.

^c Acts 3. 21.
¹ Cor. 11. 26.

^d Ephe. 5. 29.
¹ Cor. 6. 15.
¹ John 3. 24.

^e John 6. 56.
¹ Ephe. 4. 15.

^f 1 Cor. 11. 23
Mat 26. 26.
Mar. 14. 22.

^g Exod. 24. 8.
Heb. 9. 20.

is the new Testament in my blood: " this doe " Exod. 13. 9.
 as often as ye shall drinke it, in remembrance
 26. of me. For as often as ye shall eat this bread,
 and drinke this cup, ye shew the Lords death
 till hee come. This promise is repeated by
 Saint Paul whē he saith: The cup of thankes-
 giving, wherewith we give thanks, is it not
 the communion of the blood of Christ? The
 bread which we breake, is it not the commu-
 nion of the body of Christ? * For we that are * 1 Cor. 10.
 many, are one bread and one body, because 16. 17.
 we all are partakers of one bread.

78. Quest. Are then the bread and wine 29. Sun.
 made the very body and blood of Christ? day.

Ans. No verily. But as the water of bap-
 tisme is " not turned into the blood of " Mat. 26. 29
 Christ, but is only a signe & pledge of those Mar. 14. 24.
 things that are sealed to vs in baptisme: so
 neither is the bread of the Lords supper the
 very body of * Christ: Although according * 1 Cor. 10. 16
 to the maner of Sacraments, & that † forme &c. and 11. 26
 of speaking of them which is vsuall vnto † Gen. 17. 10.
 the holy Ghost, the bread is called the bo- Exod. 26. 27.
 dy of Christ. Acts 7. 8.
Levit. 16. 10.

79 Quest. Why then doth Christ call bread
 his body, & the cup his blood, or the new Te-
 stament in his blood: and Paul also calleth
 bread and wine, the communion of the body
 and blood of Christ?

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Ans. Christ not without great consideration speaketh so: to wit, not onely for to teach vs, that as the bread and wine sustaine the life of the body, so also his crucified body and bloudshed are in deed the meat and drink of the soule, whereby it is ^a nourished to eternall life: but much more, that by this visible signe and pledge hee may assure vs, that wee are as verily partakers of his body and bloud, through the working of the holy ghost, as we doe ^b receive by the mouth of our body these holy signes in remembrance of him: and further also, that his suffering and obedience is so certainlie ours, as though we our selves had suffered punishment for our sinnes, and had satisfied God.

30. Sunday.

80. Quest. *What difference is there betwene the supper of the Lord, & the popish Masse?*

Ans. The Supper of the Lord testifieth to vs that we have perfect forgiveness of all our sins for that only sacrifice of Christ, which him self once fully ^c wrought on the crosse: Then also that wee by the holy Ghost are grafted into Christ, who now according to his humane nature is onely in heaven at the right hand of his ^d Father, and there will be ^e worshipped of vs. But in the Masse it is denied, that the quick and the dead have remission

^a Iohn 6. 51.
55. 56.

^b 1 Cor. 13. 6.

^c Heb. 7. 27.

& 9. 12. 26.

Mat 26. 28.

Luke 22. 19.

^d 1 Cor. 6. 17.

& 10. 16.

^e Heb. 1. 3. &

8. 1, &c.

Iohn 4. 21.

Col. 3. 1.

Phil. 3. 10.

mission of sins for the only passiō of Christ, except also Christ be daily offered of them by their sacrificers. Further also it is taught, that Christ is bodily vnder the forme of bread and wine, and therefore is to be ^a worshipped in them. And so the very foundation of the Masse is nothing els than an utter deniall of that only sacrifice and passion of Christ Iesus, and an accursed idolatrie.

^a In canone
Missæ: item de
consecrat. di-
stinct. 2.

81. Quest. *Who are to come unto the Table of the Lord?*

Ans. They only who are truely sorrowfull, that they have offended God by their sins; and yet trust that those sins are pardoned them for Christes sake: and what other infirmitie they have, that those are covered by his passion & death, who also desire more and more to goe forward in faith and integritie of life. But hypocrites, and they who doe not trulie repent, doe eate and ^b drinke damnation to them selves.

^b 1 Cor. 10. 28
and 11. 28.

82. Quest. *Are they also to bee admitted to this supper, who in confession and life declare themselves to be infidels and vngodly?*

Ans. No. For by that meanes the covenant of God is profaned, and the wrath of God is ^c stirred vp against the whole assemblie. Wherefore the Church by the commaundement of Christ and his Apostles, vsing the
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^c 1 Cor. 10. 27.
Isa. 1. 11.
Jerem. 7. 21.

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keies of the kingdome of heaven, ought to drive them from this supper, till they shall repent and change their manners.

31. Sun-
day.

83. Quest. *What are the keies of the kingdome of heaven?*

Mat. 16. 19.
& 18. 18.

Ans. Preaching of the Gospell, and Ecclesiasticall discipline : by which heaven is opened to the beleevers : & is " shut against the vnbeleevers.

84. Quest. *How is the kingdome of heaven opened & shut by the preaching of the gospell?*

* Iohn 20. 21.
22. 2. 3.
Mat. 16. 19.

Ans. When by the commaundement of Christ it is publiklie declared to all & every one of the faithfull, that all their sinnes are pardoned them of God, for the merite of Christ, so often as they imbrace by a lively faith the promise of the Gospell : but contrarily is denounced to all infidels and hypocrites, that so long the wrath of God and everlasting damnation doth lie on them, as they * persist in their wickednes : according to which testimonie of the Gospell, God will iudge them as well in this life, as in the life to come.

85. Quest. *How is the kingdome of heaven opened and shut, by Ecclesiasticall discipline?*

Ans. When according to the commaundement of Christ, they who in name are christians, but in their doctrine and life, shewe them-

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them selves ^{as} aliens from Christ, after they having been sometime admonished, will not depart from their errors or wickednes, are made knowen vnto the Church, or to them that are appointed for that matter, & purpose of the Church: and if neither then they obey their admonition, are of the same men by interdiction from the Sacramentes shutt out from the Congregation of the Church, and by God him selfe, out of the kingdome of heaven: And againe, if they professe and in deed declare amendment of life, are * receyved as members of Christ and his Church.

^{as} Rom. 11. 7.
8. 9. 1 Cor. 12
28.

* Mat. 18. 15.
1 Cor. 5. 3. 4.
2 Thes. 3. 14.
1 Tim. 5. 17.

THE THIRD PART,
OF MANS THANKFULNES.

86. Question.

When as we are delivered from all our sins and miseries without any merit of ours, by the mercie of God only for Christes sake: for what cause are we to doe good workes?

32. Sunday.

Answer.

BEcause, after that Christ hath redeemed vs with his blood, hee renueth vs also by his spirit to the image of him selfe: that we receiving so great benefites, should shewe our selves all our life time

a Rom. 6. 13.**b** 12. 1. 2.**x** Pet. 2. 5.**b** Mat. 5. 16.**x** Per. 2. 12.**c** 2. Pe. 1. 10.**Gal.** 5. 6.**d** 1. Pet. 3. 1. 2.**Matt.** 5. 16.**Rom.** 14. 19.

time **a** Thankfull to God, and **b** honor him.
Secondly, that everie of vs may be **c** assured
of his faith, by his fruit. And lastly, that by
our honest and good conversation, we may
d winne others vnto Christ.

87. Quest. *Can not they then bee saved,
which be vnthankfull, & remaine still care-
leslie in their sinnes, and are not converted
from their wickednes vnto God?*

Ans. By no meanes. For, as the scripture
beareth witnes, neither vnchast persons,
nor Idolaters, nor adulterers, nor theeves,
nor covetous men, nor drunkards, nor
flaunders, nor robbers, shall **e** enter into
the kingdome of God.

88. Quest. *Of what partes consisteth the
conversion of men vnto God?*

Ans. It consisteth of the **f** mortifying of
the old man, and the quickning of the new
man.

89. Quest. *What is the mortifying of the
old man?*

Ans. To be truly and hartily sorry, that
thou hast offended God by thy sinnes,
and daily more and more to hate & geschew
them.

90. Quest. *What is the quickening of the
new man?*

Ans. True ioy in God through **h** Christ,
and

e 1. Cor. 6. 9.**Ephe.** 5. 5.**x** Iohn 3. 14.33. Sun-
day.**f** Rom. 6. 4.**Ephe.** 4. 22.**Col.** 3. 5.**x** Cor. 5. 7.**g** Rom. 8. 13.**Ioel.** 2. 13.**b** Rom. 5. 1.**&** 14. 17**Isa.** 57. 15.

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and an earnest and readie desire to order thy life according to Gods will, and to doe ^aall good workes.

^a Rom. 6. 10.
Gal. 2. 20.

91. Quest. *What are good workes?*

Ans. Those onely which are done by a true ^bfaith, according to ^cGods lawe, and ^dare referred only to his glorie: and not those which are imagined by vs, as seeming to vs to be right and good, or which are ^edelivered and commanded by men.

^b Rom. 14. 23
^c 1 Sam. 15. 22
Ephe. 2. 10.
^d 1 Cor. 10. 32

92. Quest. *Which is the Law of God?*

Ans. God spake all ^fthese wordes:

^e Deut. 11. 32.
Eze. 20. 18.
Mat. 15. 9.
^f Exod. 20. 1-3
Deut. 5. 6-7

^{Exo 20. 1.} *I am the Lord thy God, which hath brought thee out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, thou shalt have no other gods in my sight.*

^{v4} *2. Thou shalt make to thee no graven Image, nor the likenes of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor in the water vnder the earth. Thou shalt not bow downe to them, nor worship them: for I the Lord thy God, am a ielous God, and visit the sinnes of the fathers vpon the children vnto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, and shewe mercy vnto thousandes of them that love me, and keepe my commandements.*

⁷ *3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vaine: for the Lord will*

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not hold him guiltles that taketh his name
in vaine.

Deu. 5. 12.

4. Remember thou keepe holy the Sabbath
13 daye,* six dayes shalt thou labour and doe all
14 that thou hast to doe,* but the seauenth day
is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou
shalt doe no manner of workes, thou, and thy
sonne, and thy daughter, thy man-servant,
and thy maid-servant, thy cattell, and the
15 stranger that is within thy gate.* For in six
dayes the Lord made heaven and earth, the
sea, and all that in them is, and reasted the
seauenth day: wherefore the Lord blessed
the seauenth day, and hallowed it.

16. 5. Honour thy Father and thy Mother,
that thy dayes may bee longe in the lande,
which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

17. 6. Thou shalt doe no murther.

18. 7. Thou shalt not commit adulterie.

19. 8. Thou shalt not steale.

20. 9. Thou shalt not beare false witnes a-
gainst thy neighbour.

21. 10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbours
house, nor his wife, nor his servant, nor his
maid, nor his ox, nor his asse, nor any thing
that is his.

34. Sun.

* Exod. 34. 28

Deut. 4. 13. &

30. 34.

93. Quest. How are the commandements
devided?

Ans. Into two * tables, whercof the for-
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mer delivereth in foure commaundements, how wee ought to behave our selves to- wardes God: The latter delivereth in six commaundements, what duties wee ^a owe vnto our neighbour.

b Mat. 12. 37.
38. 39.

94. Quest. *What doeth God require in the first commaundement?*

Ans. That, as dearelie as I tender the sal- vation of my owne soule, so earnestlie should I shunne and flie all ^c Idolatrie, for- cerie, enchantements, ^d superstition, pray- ing to saints, or anie other ^e creatures: and should rightlie ^f acknowledge the only and true God ^g, trust in him alone, ^h submitt and subiect my self vnto him with all ⁱ hu- militie and patience, ^k looke for all good things from him alone, and lastly, with the entire affection of my heart ^l love, ^m reve- rence, and ⁿ worship him: so that I am rea- die to renounce and forsake all creatures rather, then to ^o commit the least thinge that may be against his will.

c 1 Cor 6. 9.
10 & 10. 7. 14
d Levi. 19. 31.
Deut. 18. 11.
e Mat. 4. 12.
Apo. 19. 10.
f Iohn 17. 3.
g Iere. 17. 5.
h Heb. 10. 36.
Col. 1. 11.
Rom. 5. 3. 4.
Phil. 2. 14.
i 1 Pet. 5. 5. 6.
k Psa. 104. 27.
Isa. 45. 7.
Iac. 1. 17.
l Deut. 6. 5.
Mat. 22. 37.
m Deut. 6.
Mat. 10. 28.
n Mat. 4. 20.
Deut. 10. 20.
o Mat. 5. 29.

95. Quest. *What is Idolatrie?*

Ans. It is, in place of that one God, or besides that one and true God, who hath manifested him selfe in his worde, to make or imagine, and account any other thing, wherein thou reposest thy ^p hope and con- fidence.

p 1 Para. 16.
Phil. 3. 19.
Gal. 4. 8.
Ephes. 2. 22.

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day.

96. Quest. *What doeth the second commaundement require?*

^a Deut. 4. 15.
Isa. 40. 18.
Rom. 1.
Acts 17. 19.
^b 1 Sam. 15.
Deut. 28. 30.

Ans. That we should not ^a expresse or represent God by any image, or shape and figure, or ^b worship him any otherwise than he hath commaunded in his word him selfe to be worshipped.

97. Quest. *May there then at all any images or resemblances of things be made?*

^e Exod. 23. 24
& 34. 13. 14.
Num. 33. 52.
Deut. 7. 5.

Ans. God neither ought nor can be represented by any meanes: and for the creatures, although it bee lawfull to expresse them, yet God forbiddeth notwithstanding their images to be made or had, as thereby to worship or ^c honor either them, or God by them.

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day.

98. Quest. *But may not images bee tolerated in Churches, whiche may serue for bookes vnto the common people?*

^d 2 Tim. 3. 16.
^a Pet. 1. 19.

Ans. No. For it is not seemely that wee should be wiser than God, who will have his Church to be ^d taught with the livelie preaching of his word, and not with dumbe ^e images.

^e Ier. 10. 8. &c
Hab. 2. 18. 19.

36. Sun.

99. Quest. *What doeth God decree in the third commaundement?*

^f Lev. 24. 11.
and 19. 2.
^g Mat. 5. 37.
Iac. 5. 12.

Ans. That not only by cursing, or ^f forswearing, but also by ^g rash swearing wee should

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should not vse his name despitefully or vnreverently: neither should by silence or connivence be pertakers of those horrible sinnes in others.: But that wee ^hvse the sacred and holy name of God ever with great devotion and reverence: that hee may bee ⁱworshipped and honoured by vs with a true and stedfast ^k confession, and ^l invocation of his name: and lastly in all our words and actions whatsoever.

^h Isa. 45. 4.

ⁱ 1 Tim. 2. 8.
^k Rom. 3. 24.
^l 1 Tim. 6. 1.
Col 3. 16. 17.
1 Mat. 10. 32.

100. Quest. *Is it then so grievous a sinne by swearing or banning, to take the name of God in vaine, as that God is also angrie with them, who, as much as in them lieth, doe not forbid or hinder it?*

Ans. Surely most ^m grievous. For neither is there anie sinne greater, or more offending God, than the despiting of his sacred name. Wherefore also he ⁿwould have this sinne to be punished with death.

^m Levit. 5. 1.

ⁿ Lev. 24. 15.

101. Quest. *May a man sweare also religiouslie and lawfully by the name of God?*

37. Sunday.

Ans. He may: when as either the Magistrate exacteth it, or otherwise necessitie requireth by this meanes the faith & truth of anie man or thing to be ratified and established: whereby both the glorie of God may be advanced, and the safetie of others procured. For this kinde of swearing is

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o Deut 6. 13.
Heb. 6. 16.
p Gen. 21. 24.
Ios. 5. 15. 19.
1 Sam. 24. 22.

ordained by Gods worde, and therefore was well P vsed of the Fathers both in the old, and new Testament.

102. Quest. *Is it lawfull to sweare by Saints, or other creatures?*

Ans. No: For a lawfull oath is an invocation of God, whereby we desire, that he, as the only searcher of hearts, beare witness vnto the truth, and punish the swearer, if he wittingly & sweare falslie. But this honor ¹ agreeth to no creature.

103. Quest. *What doeth God commaund in the fourth commaundement?*

Ans. First, that the ministerie of the Gospel, and the schooles of learning should be ^s maintained: and that I, especially on the Sabbath, ¹ frequent studiouselie divine assemblies: ^y heare the word of God diligētelie; vse the * Sacramentes: ^y ioine my prayers with the common prayers of the assembly: and bestow something according to my abilitie, ^z on the poore. And further, that all my life time I be free frō misdeedes and evill actions, yeelding vnto the Lord, that he may by his holy spirit worke in me his worke: and so I may * begin in this life that everlasting Sabbath.

104. Quest. *What doeth God enioine vs in the first commaundement?*

That

Act. 11. 20. & 17. 10.
20. 12. p sal. 7. 9.
Reu. 2. 23.

q 2 Cor. 1. 23.
Mat. 5. 34. 35

38. Sunday.

f Fit. 1. 5.
1 Tim. 3. 14.
1 Cor. 9. 11.
2 Tim. 1. 2.
t Psal. 86. 26.
and 40. 9. 10.
Acs 2. 42. 46.
v 1 Cor. 14. 19
29. 31.
x 1 Cor. 11. 33
y 1 Tim. 1. 1.
2. 3. 8. 9.
1 Cor. 14. 16.
z 1 Cor. 26.

* Isa. 66. 23.

39. Sunday.

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Ans. That we yeeld due honor, love, and faithfullnesse to our Parentes, and so to all, who beare rule over vs, and ^a submit our selves with such obedience, as is meete, to their faithfull commandementes, and chastisementes: And further also, that by our patience we ^b beare and suffer their vices & maners, ever thinking with our selves, that God will ^c governe and guide vs by their hande.

^a Ephe. 6. 1. 2.
& c Col. 3. 18.
Ephe. 5. 2.
Rom. 13. 1.

^b Pro. 23. 27.
¹ Pct. 2. 18.

^c Ephe 6. 4. 9.
Col. 3. 19. 21.
Rom. 13.
Mat. 22. 27.

105. Quest. *What doeth God exact in the sixt commandement?*

Ans. That neither in thought, nor in gesture, much lesse indeed, I reproch or hate, or harne, or ^d kill my neighbour, either by my selfe, or by another: but ^e cast away all desire of revenge. Furthermore, that I ^f hurt not my selfe, or cast my selfe wittinglie into any daunger. Wherefore also, that murthers might not bee committed, he hath ^g armed the Magistrate with the sword.

^d Mat. 5. 12.
Gen. 9. 6.
Mat. 26. 52.
^e Ephe. 4. 26.
Rom. 12. 19.
Mat. 5. 25.
^f Rom. 13. 14.
Col. 2. 23.

^g Gen. 9. 6.
Mat. 26. 52.
Rom. 13. 4.

106. Quest. *But this commandement seemeth to forbidde murther only?*

Ans. But in forbidding murther, God doeth further teach that hee hateth the roote and cause of murther, to witt, ^h anger, ⁱ envie, ^k hatred, and desire of revenge, and doeth ^l account them all for murther.

40. Sunday.

^h Iac. 1. 20.
Gal. 5. 20.
ⁱ Rom. 1. 29.
^k 1 Iohn 2. 9.
^l 1 Iohn 3. 15.

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107. Quest. *Is it enough then, that wee kill no man in such sorte as hath bene said?*

Ans. It is not enough: For when God condemneth anger, envy, hatred, he requir^meth that we ^m love our neighbour as our selves, and that wee vse ⁿ humanitie, lenitie, courtesie, ^o patience, and ^p mercy towards him, and ^q turne away from him, as much as we may, whatsoever may be hurtfull vnto him. In a word, that we bee so affected in minde, as that wee ^r sticke not to doe good also vnto our enemies.

41. Sunday.

108. Quest. *What is the meaning of the seaventh commandement?*

Ans. That God hath in ^f execration, all turpitude, and filthines, and therefore wee also must ^t vtterlie hate and detest it, and contrariwise live temperately, modestly, & ^v chastlie, whether wee ^x live in holy wedlocke, or in single life.

109. Quest. *Forbiddeth God nothing els in this commandement, but adulterie, and such kindes of uncleannes?*

Ans. Seeing both our body and soule are the temples of the holy ghost, God will have vs to possesse both in puritie and holines. And therefore deedes, gestures, ^y wordes, thoughts, ^z filthy lustes, and whatsoever entiseth a man vnto these, all that he

^m Luk. 10. 27. ^m Mat. 22. 39.
& 1. 12.
ⁿ Rom. 12. 10

^o Ephe. 4. 2.
Gal. 6. 1. 2.
Mat. 5. 5.
Rom. 12. 18.
^p Exod. 23. 5.
^q Mat. 5. 45.
^r Rom. 12. 20

^f Lev. 18. 27.

^t Iud. 22. 13.

^v 1 Thes. 4. 3.
^x Heb. 13. 4.
¹ Cor. 7. 4.

¹ Cor. 3. 16. & 6. 19.
² Cor. 6. 16.

^y Ephe. 5. 3.
^z Cor. 6. 18.

^z Mat. 5. 27.

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he wholly ^a forbiddeth.

110. Quest. *What doeth God forbid in the eight commandment?*

Ans. Not only those ^b theftes, and ^c robberies which the Magistrate punisheth: but by the name of theft, hee comprehendeth whatsoever evill craftes, fetches and devises, whereby we seeke after other mens goods, and endeavour by force, or with some shew of right, to ^d convey them over vnto our selves: of which sorte are; false ^e weights, false elns, vneven ^f measures, deceitfull merchandise, counterfeit coine, ^g vsurie, or anie other way or meanes of furthering our estate, which God hath forbidden. To these we may add all ^h covetousnes: and the manifold wast and abusing of Gods giftes.

111. Quest. *What are those things, which God here commaundeth?*

Ans. That to my power I helpe and further the commodities and profit of my neighbour: and that I so deale with him, as I would ⁱ desire to bee dealt with my selfe: and that I doe my own work painfully, and faithfully, that I ^k may thereby helpe others also who are distressed with any neede or calamitie.

112. Quest. *What doeth the ninth commandment exact?*

That

^a Ephe. 5. 18.

ⁱ Cor. 15. 33.

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^b 1 Cor. 6. 10.

^c 1 Cor. 5. 10.

^d Luc. 3. 14.

^e Thes. 4. 6.

^f Pro. 11. 1.

^g Ezec. 45. 9.

Deut. 25. 13.

^h Psal. 15. 5.

Luc. 6. 35.

ⁱ 1 Cor. 6. 10.

43. Sunday.

ⁱ Pro. 5. 16.

^k Mat. 7. 12.

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1 Pro. 19. 5. 6.
and 21. 28.
m Psal. 13. 3.
n Rom. 1. 29.
o Ma 7. 1. & c.
Luke. 6. 37.
p Iohn 8. 44.
q Pro. 12. 22.
& 13. 5.

r 1 Cor. 13. 6.
Ephe 4. 25.
s 1 Pet. 5. 8.

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day.

t Rom. 7. 7 & c

v Rom. 7. 14.
x Rom. 7. 22.
y Iac. 2. 10.

Ans. That I beare no false ^l witnes against any man, neither ^m falsifie any mans words, neither backbite or ⁿ reproch anie man, nor o cōdemne anie man rashly or vnheard, but avoid and p shunne with all carefulnesse all kinde of lies, and deceit, as the ^q proper works of the divell: except I meane to stirre vp against me the most greevous wrath of God. And that in iudgements and other affaires I follow the trueth, and freelie and constantly ^r professe the matter as it in deed is: And moreover defend and ^s encrease, as much as in me lieth, the good name and estimation of others.

113. Quest. *What doeth the tenth commandement forbid?*

Ans. That our hearts be not at any time moved by the least desire, or cogitation, against anie commandement of God: but that ^t continuallie and from our heart, we detest all sinne, and contrarily, ^u delight in all righteousness.

114. Quest. *But can they, who are converted vnto God, perfectlie observe and keepe these commandements?*

Ans. No: But even the holiest men as long as they live, have onely small beginnings of this ^v obedience: yet so, that they ^x begin with an earnest and vnfained desire and

& endeavour to live not according to some onelie, but according to all the commaundements of God.

115. Quest. *Why will God then have his Law to bee so exactlie and severely preached, seeing there is no man in this life, who is able to keepe it?*

Ans. First, that all our life time we more & more ^aacknowledge the great pronenes of our nature to sinne, and so much the more greedily ^b desire remission of sinnes, & righteousness in Christ: Secondly, that wee be ^c doing of this alwaies: and alwaies thinking of that, and implore and crave of the Father the grace of his holy spirit, whereby we may daily more and more bee renewed to the image and likenesse of God, vntill at length after wee are departed out of this life, we may ioyfully attaine vnto that perfection which is proposed vnto vs.

^a Iohn 1. 9.
Psal. 22. 5.

^b Rom. 7. 24.

^c 1 Cor. 9. 24.
Phil. 3. 12.
13. 14.

O F P R A Y E R.

116. Quest. *Wherefore is Prayer necessarie for Christians?*

Ans. Because it is the chief part of that ^dthankfulnes which God requireth of vs. And also because God giveth them onely his grace and holy spirit, who with vnfaigned gronings, begge them continually of him, and ^e yeeld him thanks for them.

45. Sunday.

^d Psal. 50. 15.

^e Rom. 8. 26.

^e Mat. 7. 7. 1.
Luk. 11. 9. 13.
Mar. 13. 12.

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117. Quest. *What is required unto that prayer, which shall please God, and bee heard of him?*

Ans. That we aske of the only true God, who hath ^a manifested him selfe in his word, all things, which he hath commanded to be ^b asked of him with a true affection and desire of our heart, and through an inward ^c feeling of our neede and miserie ^d cast our selves downe prostrate in the presence of his divine maiestie: and ^e builde our selves on this sure foundation, that we, though vnworthy, yet for Christes sake, are certainly ^f heard of God, evē as he hath ^g promised vs in his word.

^a Ioh. 4. 22.
^b Rom. 8. 16.
^c Iohn 5. 14.
^d Ioh. 4. 23. 24
Psal. 145. 18.
^e 2 Par. 20. 12
^f Psal. 2. 11.
& 39.
Isa. 66. 2.
^g Rom. 10. 14.
and 8. 15. 16.
Iac. 1. 6. &c.
^h Io. 14. 13.
Dan. 9. 17. 18.
Mat. 7. 8.
Psal. 133. 1.

118. Quest. *What are those thinges, which he commaundeth vs to aske of him?*

Ans. All ^h things necessary both for soule and body: which our Lord Iesus Christ hath comprised in that prayer, which him selfe hath taught vs.

^h Iac. 1. 17.
Mat. 6. 33.

119. Quest. *What prayer is that? Ans.*

ⁱ Mat. 6. 9. 10. 13.
Luc. 11. 2. &c. 3.
Mat. 7. 9.

OVR Father, which art in heaven, hal-
lowed bee thy name; thy kingdome
come: thy will be done in earth, as it is in
heaven. Give vs this day our daily bread.
And forgive vs our trespasses, as wee for-
give them that trespass against vs: And lead
vs not into temptation: but deliver vs from
evill:

evill: for thine is the kingdome, the power, and glorie, for ever, and ever. A M E N.

120. Quest. *Why doeth Christ teach vs to call God our Father?* 46. Sunday.

Ans. That presently in the very entrance and beginning of the prayer, he might stirr vp in vs such a reverence and confidence in God, as is meet for the sons of God, which must be the ground and foundation of our prayer: to wit, that God through Christ is made our Father, and will much lesse denie vnto vs those thinges, whiche wee aske of him with a true faith, than our earthly Pa-
rentes "denie vnto vs earthly things.

"Mat. 7. 9.
10. 11.
Luke 11. 11.

121. Quest. *Why is that added, Which art in heaven?*

Ans. That we * conceive not basely or terrenely of Gods heavenly Maiestie: And also that wee † looke for & expect from his omnipotencie, whatsoever things are necessarie for our soule and body.

* Ier. 23. 24.
Acts 17. 24.
† Rom. 10. 12

122. Quest. *What is the first petition?*

mat 6. 9. Luke 11. 2.
47. Sunday.

Ans. *Hallowed be thy name*: that is, graūt vs first to * know thee aright, and to worship, praise, and " magnifie thy almightinesse, goodnesse, iustice, mercie, and trueth shyning in all thy works. And further also, to direct our whole life, thoughts, words, & workes to this ende, that thy most holy
name

* Iohn 17. 3.
Ier. 9. 23. 24.
Mat. 16. 17.
Iac. 1. 5.
" Psal. 119.
137. 138.
Luke 1. 46.
Psal. 145. 8. 9.

name be not reproched for vs, but rather

^a Psal. 115. 1. be ^a renowned with honour and praises.

and 71. 8. *Mat 6. 10. Quest. What is the second petition?*

48. Sun.

Ans. Let thy kingdome come, that is, rule

^b Mat. 6. 33.

^c Psal. 119. 5.

vs so by thy word and spirit, that we ^b may humble and submit our selves more and more vnto thee: preserve and increase thy

^c Psal. 51. 20.

^c Church; destroy the workes of the devill, and all power that lifteth vp it selfe against thy Maiestie: make all those counsailes fru-

^d r Iohn 3. 8.

Rom. 16. 20.

strate and voide which are ^d taken against thy worde, vntill at length thou ^e raigne fully and perfectly, when thou shalt be all

^e Apoc. 22.

^f r Cor. 15. 28

in ^f all.

49. Sunday.

124. Quest. What is the third petition?

Ans. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in

^g Mat. 16. 24.

^h Tit. 2. 12.

ⁱ r Luke 22. 43

heaven: that is, graunt that we and all men renouncing and ^g forsaking our owne will,

may readily and without any ^h grudging obey thy will, which is only holy: and that so every of vs may faithfully and cheerfullie

ⁱ r Cor. 7. 24.

ⁱ performe that duety and charge whiche thou hast committed vnto vs, even as the

^k Psal. 103. 20

blessed Angels doe in ^k heaven.

125. Quest. What is the fourth petition?

Ans. Give vs this day our daylie bread:

that is, give vnto vs all things which are

^l Psal. 145. 15

Mat. 25. &c.

^l needfull for this life, that by them wee may acknowledge and confesse thee to bee

the

50. Sunday.
Mat 6. 11 Luke 11. 3.

the only fountaine, from whence all good things^a flow, and all our care and industrie, and even thine owne giftes to bee vnfortunate and ^bnoisome vnto vs, except thou blesse them. Wherefore, graunt that turning our trust away from all creatures, wee ^cplace and repose it in thee alone.

126. Quest. What is the fift petition?

Luk¹¹.4. *Ans.* Forgive vs our trespasses, as wee forgive them that trespassed against vs: that is, Even for the blood of Christ, doe not ^dimpute vnto vs most miserable and wretched sinners, all our offences, neither that corruption, which still cleaveth vnto vs: even as we also feele this testimonie of thy grace in our heartes, that wee stedfastlie purpose vnfeignedlie from our heart, to ^epardon and forgive all those, who have offended vs.

Luk¹¹.4. 127. Quest. What is the sixt petition?

Ans. Lead vs not into temptation, but deliver vs from evill: that is, because wee our selves are so feeble and weake by nature, that we ^fcannot stand so much as one moment or instant; and our most deadlie enemies, & satan, the ^hworld, and our own ⁱflesh, doe instantly oppugne and assault vs: vphold thou vs, and establish & strengthen vs by the might of thy spirit, that wee may

^a Acts 17. 27.

^b 1 Cor. 53. 53
Deut. 8. 3.
Psa. 27. 16. 17

^c Psa. 62. 11.
and 55. 23

51. Sunday.
Mat. 6. 12.

^d Psal. 51. 1.
1 Thon. 2. 1. 2.

^e Mat. 6. 14.
15.

52. Sunday.
Mat. 6. 13.

^f Iohn 15. 5.
Psal. 103. 14

^g 1 Pet. 5. 1.
Eph. 6. 12.
^h Iohn 15. 1.
ⁱ Rom. 7. 23.
Gal. 5. 17.

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1 Mar. 26. 41
Mar. 13. 33.

11 Thef. 3. 13.
and 5. 23.

may not in this spirituall combat^k yeelde
as vanquished, but may so long stoutlie
withstand them, vntill at length wee^l gett
the full and perfect victorie.

128. Quest. *How concludest thou this
prayer?*

Ans. For thine is the kingdome, the power,
and the glorie, for ever, that is, we aske and
crave all these thinges of thee, because,
seeing both thou art our King, and art al-
mightie; thou art both willing and able to
give them all vnto vs. And these things
we therefore aske, that out of them, not to
vs, but vnto thy holy Name, all glorie may
redound.

1 Rom. 10. 11
2 Pct. 2. 9.

1 Joh. 14. 13.
Psal. 115. 1.
Ier. 33. 8. 9.

129. Quest. *What meaneth this particle,
Amen?*

Ans. That the thing is sure and out of
doubt. For my prayer is much more cer-
tainly heard of God, than I feele in my hart,
that I vnfaignedly^o desire the same.

1 Cor. 1. 20.
1 Tim. 2. 13.

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day 5. w. D. Eph. 1. 20.*

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